

c 320 AD

EUTROPIUS

Reign of Valens (AD 364-378)

Eutropius is the author of a Breviarium
ab Urbe Condita (compendium of Roman
History) to AD 364. Carefully compiled
from secondary sources (in the main)
Fills in gaps.

ARIANISM

Arius, an apostate priest of Alexandria, (c 320) denied the divinity of the Son, the 2nd person of the Blessed Trinity & taught that Jesus Christ is only the first & highest of God's creatures. His Heresy supported by several emperors of Constantinople spread far & wide and lasted till the seventh

century. He was struck by sudden death at Constantinople, the entrails bursting from his body.

325 the Council of Nice in Asia Minor, Arianism & declared that the Son of the true God, consubstantial - i.e. of the same substance - with the Father.

AD 320

Chandragupta I founds
 Gupta empire in northern
 India

According to Eusebius of Caesarea
Constantine I ordered the demolition
of a pagan temple which had stood at
the place of the resurrection of Christ,
and when the polluted surface
soil was removed, the original
tomb of the Saviour came to light.
Through beneficence of Constantine,
a beautiful basilica was erected

to mark the site. At about this time, emperor's mother Helena visited & dedicated a church at Bellithern at the grotto where Jesus was born.

In 333 AD, An anonymous pilgrim from Bordeaux, France mentioned both of these churches in the account of his journey

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Constantine made it a
Crime for a father to kill
his children, at least
without cause.

There is evidence that cold wet
spell affected North Germany
(near Jutland & Kiel).

People were leaving this region
Schleswig - Holstein after AD 320.

Constantine had to deal with

- 1) monastic asceticism
- 2) DONATIST schism
- 3) Arian heresy

While Christianity converted the world, the world converted Christianity and displayed the natural paganism of mankind

1) Christian monasticism arose as a protest against the money lenders; painted faces, etc among the Christians. Some denounced all possessions, donned ragged robe of philosopher & subsisted on alms

290-325 Lucius Coelius Firmianus LACTANTIUS
the most eloquent and learned
of the Christian fathers. Chief works
were "DIVINARUM INSTITUTIONUM
LIBRI VII" "DE IRA DEI"
and DE MORTIBUS PERFECTORUM

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1912 Dates. J-BK

died c 330

Iamblichus

"Life of Pythagoras" "Exhortation
to Philosophy," and many mathematical
and philosophical works
by Iamblichus (died about c 330)

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India: Rise of Gupta
Empire under
CHANDRAGUPTA II.

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Duncan: Cal

Constantine created a new, religiously inspired system of measuring time. He did this by leaving intact Caesar's basic Cal. of 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days and 12 months, while making 3 major changes within this structure.

- 1) He introduced SUNDAY as a holy day in a new 7-day week
- 2) The official recognition of Christian holidays such as Christmas with fixed dates.

3) and the grafting into the calendar of the Easter celebration, which is not a fixed date, being tied to the Jewish lunar calendar in use when Christ was crucified

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King Israel

d. of Judah III

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To please the pagans of Rome, Constantine erected the Arch of Constantine, which dedicates his triumph to Rome's old deities - and remains one of the best-preserved and most imposing triumphal arches in present-day Rome. Constantine also flattered with the popular cult of the sun god MITHRAS, at the time of the battle since MITHRAISTS held sacred a symbol, similar to

a Cross. Certainly such token bidding
would have pleased the large numbers
of both MITHRAISTS and Christians in
his army.

B. 288

Father died c York 306

312 Melvian Bridge

330- Capital to Constantinople

After the triumph of Constantine,
the Church at Rome assigned
December 25 as date for
the celebration.

The Eastern Churches
celebrated Jan. 6

The choice of Dec. 25 was
probably influenced by the fact

that on Dec 25, the Romans celebrated the
NATURALIA (fast of the SUN-GOD) (natalis
solis invicti), and that the Saturnalia
also came at that time.

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248-328 Constantine's mother was a British-born Helena, a former barmaid and a longtime Christian who was mistress (and possible a first wife) to Constantine's father. A formidable woman who seldom left her son's side, Helena labored hard for the Christian god, receiving generous sums from her son to build dozens of churches from Judea to Gaul, including the still-standing Church of the NATIVITY

in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
in Jerusalem.

Converted to Christianity 313 AD

Constantine added a new slate of holidays and festivals; adapted the Jewish seven-day week and designated Sunday rather than the Jewish Sabbath as a day of worship.

The Calendar was gradually usurped by religion instead of science.

It came to be believed as ordained by God.

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GUPTA Dynasty was founded in the Ganges valley. A brilliant age of Indian arts and sciences was ushered in. Indian classical Age began with CHANDRAGUPTA I whose reign (beginning 320) founded a Hindu dynasty that lasted until the mid-6th century. Chandragupta I made his capital in PATNA, and he & his successors extended GUPTA rule over the northern half of India. Large numbers of gold coins

unearthed by archaeologists belong to the
Classical Age. Great stone temples, decorated
with finely carved symbols, and literary
splendors, especially the poems and dramas
of KALIDASA and the KAMA SUTRA

In the 5th Cen.; Indian mathematicians
invented the decimal system.

AD. 320 - 647

India

The classical period of Hindu
art, literature and science took
root during the GUPTA dynasty.

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DURANT

Under Cneshonten, epidemics
of major proportions decimated
the population.

330 AD

The Pagan religion gave way to Christianity, which in time of Constantine became the State religion. It steadily grew in power & importance. With the Division of the Empire into 2 parts we get also a division in the Church; the Greek Catholic Church predominating in the East, while in the West we have the Roman Catholic Church.

The Roman Church continued to grow and gain power till during the Middle Ages, it dominated the whole of Europe.

Constantine executed his son
CRISPUS on adultery charge
with Fausta his wife.

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1st Gupta dynasty in India

AD 320

India: The GUPTA empire

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Crispus' victory over Alamannci

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Early 4th Cenn

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Good Fri was made a
legal holiday by Constantine
the Great.